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1. Below is a translation from the Russian of several political education courses given to Soviet enlisted personnel during 1950 and 1951. The program is signed by the chief for Propaganda and Agitation, Soviet Armed Forces, Maj. Gen. Mironov.

A. COURSE NO. 1 (Given to soldiers during their first year of service)

I. Military Might of the USSR-----16 hours

- (1) Soviet Army, an army of the socialist state-----6 hours
- (2) Military service and how it should be rendered-----4 hours
- (3) Organization of the USSR Armed Forces -----6 hours

II. Defense of the Fatherland, the Sacred Duty of a Soviet Warrior

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| (4) | Army oath to be kept sacred and inviolable | 6 hours |
| (5) | Strict observation of military regulations: the disciplined warrior | 6 hours |
| (6) | Security-consciousness, strict observance of military and state secrets | 6 hours |
| (7) | Conscientious learning of military affairs | 6 hours |
| (8) | Vigilant execution of guard duty | 6 hours |
| (9) | Care of weapons which are military and state property | 6 hours |
| (10) | Careful preservation and enhancement of the glorious traditions of the Soviet Armed Forces | 6 hours |
| (11) | History and fighting tradition of own unit | 2 hours |

III. How the USSR Workers and Peasants Established Their Soviet Order and Defended it Against the Enemy ----- 48 hours

- (12) The great space and riches of our native country
(territory, borders, flora and fauna, mineral
wealth, etc.)-----10 hours
- (13) How the workers and peasants lived and fought
for their liberation under the Tsar-----10 hours
- (14) The building up of socialist society in the
USSR-----12 hours

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- (15) The Great October Socialist Revolution-----12 hours
 (16) VKP(b) - the ruling and directing force of
 Soviet Society-----6 hours
 (17) The USSR and the capitalistic world-----8 hours
- IV. The Great Patriotic War of the Soviet Union----- 18 hours
- (18) First period of the war, active defense of
 the Soviet Union-----6 hours
 (19) Final breakthrough. rout of Germany and
 Japan-----6 hours
 (20) Cause of victory of the Soviet Union in the
 Great Patriotic War-----6 hours
- V. The Soviet Nation - Builder of Communism----- 24 hours
- (21) Soviet nation in fight for vindication and
 growth of USSR national economy-----12 hours
 (22) Soviet Armed Forces guarding peace and
 security-----12 hours
- VI. Reserved----- 14 hours
- TOTAL: 174 hours

B. COURSE NO. 2 (Applies to soldiers and sergeants in second year of
 military service)**

- I. Soviet Armed Forces Guarding the Conquest of the Great
 October Socialist Revolution----- 20 hours
- (1) Soviet Armed Forces during the military inter-
 vention and the civil war-----12 hours
 (2) Soviet Armed Forces during the period of con-
 struction of socialism----- 8 hours
- II. Soviet Armed Forces During the Patriotic War----- 42 hours
- (3) Beginning of war. Failure of the "Blitz Krieg"
 plans-----8 hours
 (4) Heroic defense of Stalingrad as a final break-
 through-----8 hours
 (5) Expulsion of Germans from Soviet territory-----10 hours
 (6) Conquest of Germany and Japan-----8 hours
 (7) Fountain of Soviet victory in the Patriotic
 War-----8 hours
- III. Soviet Socialist Society - The Very First One in the
 World----- 50 hours
- (8) Soviet Socialist Society-----12 hours
 (9) Soviet Socialistic Economy-----12 hours
 (10) Single family of Soviet nations-----8 hours
 (11) VKP(b) - the ruling and directing force of the
 Soviet society-----10 hours
 (12) Construction of the VKP(b)----- 8 hours
- IV. USSR - Bulwark of Peace, Democracy and Socialism----- 48 hours
- (13) The Soviet Union as a bulwark for peace, demo-
 cracy and socialism-----12 hours
 (14) The Soviet nation in its fight for vindication
 and growth of the USSR national economy-----12 hours
 (15) Our goal - Communism-----12 hours
 (16) Soviet Armed Forces guarding peace and
 security-----12 hours

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C. COURSE NO. 3 (Applies to soldiers and sergeants in the third year of military service)

- I. V.I. Lenin - A Short Biography -----68 hours
- II. I.V. Stalin - A Short Biography -----68 hours
- III. Soviet Nation in its Fight for Vindication and Growth
of USSR National Economy -----12 hours
- IV. Soviet Armed Forces on Guard for Peace and Security----- 8 hours
- V. American-English Imperialists, Warmongering Initiators
of New War----- 4 hours

TOTAL: 160 hours

D. COURSE NO. 4 (for prospective instructors in smaller army units)

The course is the same as Course No. 1 except that twenty additional hours are devoted to the catechism of soldiers by sergeants.

E. COURSES No. 5 and 6 (for soldiers who voluntarily remain in the service after their period of regular enlistment). The course fully covers the history of the VKP(b) and also:

- 1. U.S. imperialism - main bulwark of reaction and
organization of a new world war----- 6 hours
- 2. Methods of the imperialist intelligence
agencies----- 6 hours

TOTAL: 160 hours

- F. Directive No. 024 dated 31 August 1950 and signed by Col. Gen. Kuznetsov in the name of GPU (Chief Political Directorate of the Soviet Armed Forces) instructs what forms and methods are to be followed by the political organs of the Soviet Armed Forces. The Central Committee of the Communist Party lays down the ideological line which is guided by love of the Fatherland, love of Stalin and hatred for America and England. The next political instruction course is to start in December 1950 and will end 1 October 1951. Each class is to consist of 25-30 men.

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* Comment: The language employed in the outline of the program is exalted and sweeping throughout: "warrior", "sacred", "invulnerable", "glorious", etc. Noteworthy also is usage of the term "American-English" instead of the more common "Anglo-American". It may be indicative of the reported change in Soviet tactics in which America is pictured as the chief villain, "US imperialism" being "the main bulwark of reaction" and the United States chiefly responsible for "organizing the new world war").

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** Comment: The Russian terminology employs the word "soldier" to apply to all enlisted grades below the rank of sergeant).

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